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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

10.30 a.m.

Central African Republic (S/1997/716)

Somalia (S/1997/715)

Briefing by Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Cambodia

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Croatia*

Other matters

* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.

2nd meeting

Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1).

The report of the Security Council to the General Assembly has been issued as document A/52/2.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II
2. Management of peacekeeping assets

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	45th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	46th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5] (DP/1997/26, DP/1997/27, DP/1997/28 and DP/1997/29)

2. Other matters: Terms of reference of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health [10] (DP/FPA/1997/17)
3. UNDP: Country, regional and global cooperation frameworks [6] (DP/CCF/ANG/1, DP/CCF/ANL/1, DP/CCF/ARG/1, DP/CCF/ARM/1, DP/CCF/AZE/1, DP/CCF/BAR/1, DP/CCF/BRA/1, DP/CCF/BEN/1, DP/CCF/BOT/1, DP/CCF/BVI/1, DP/CCF/BKF/1, DP/CCF/BUL/1, DP/CCF/CMB/1, DP/CCF/CMR/1, DP/CCP/CHD/1, DP/CCF/CHI/1, DP/CCF/PRC/1, DP/CCF/CUB/1, DP/CCF/DMI/1, DP/CCF/DOM/1, DP/CCP/ELS/1, DP/CCF/FIJ/1, DP/CCF/FSM/1, DP/CCF/GAB/1, DP/CCP/GEO/1, DP/CCP/GRN/1, DP/CCF/GBS/1, DP/CCF/GUY/1, DP/CCF/HON/1, DP/CCF/JAM/1, DP/CCF/KIR/1, DP/CCF/DRK/1, DP/CCP/MAL/1, DP/CCF/MLW/1, DP/CCF/MDV/1, DP/CCF/MAT/1, DP/CCF/MAS/1, DP/CCF/MAR/1, DP/CCF/MEX/1, DP/CCF/MOT/1, DP/CCF/NEP/1, DP/CCP/NIR/1, DP/CCF/NIU/1, DP/CCF/PAK/1, DP/CCP/PAU/1, DP/CCP/PER/1, DP/CCF/PHI/1, DP/CCF/RUS/1, DP/CCF/STH/1, DP/CCF/STL/1, DP/CCF/STV/1, DP/CCF/SAM/1, DP/CCF/STP/1, DP/CCF/SEN/1, DP/CCF/SEY/1, DP/CCF/SVN/1, DP/CCF/SOI/1, DP/CCF/SAF/1, DP/CCF/SRL/1, DP/CCF/SWA/1, DP/CCF/THA/1, DP/CCP/TON/1, DP/CCF/TRI/1, DP/CCP/TUK/1, DP/CCF/TUV/1, DP/CCF/UKR/1, DP/CCF/URU/1, DP/CCF/VAN/1, DP/CCF/VEN/1, DP/CCF/MCD/1, DP/CCF/YUG/1, DP/CCP/ZIM/1, DP/CP/ALB/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/ANT/3/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/CAY/3/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/PAR/5/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/STK/3/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/TCI/3/EXTENSION I)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations with UNDP Resident Representatives present in New York *today*, 18 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 18 September 1997

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

ASIAN STATES GROUP (at the ambassadorial level)

5 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 3

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 1

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 1

Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) will take place today, 18 September 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

AFRO-ARAB GROUP (at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 (on the draft ministerial declaration)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226), and thereafter in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250)*.

* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m. 2nd meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference
Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference
Room 3

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, in order to elect its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur and consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1/Add.1.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 2nd meeting
(closed) Conference
Room 8

The list of speakers for the general discussion of items on the agenda of the Third Committee will be opened following the adoption of the organization of work.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its programme of work.

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED
NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT
DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY
IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for the new delegates to the General Assembly:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 1).
2. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 3)

There will be a closed meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

There will be a closed meeting of the Eastern European States Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-second session

The temporary President, H.E. Mr. Razali Ismail, Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia, declared the fifty-second session opened.

The temporary President made a statement in the course of which he invited the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Peace as proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350) [122]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/52/350) concerning 12 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3]

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: Argentina, Barbados, Bhutan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway, Russian Federation, United States and Zambia.

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. H.E. Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko (Ukraine) was elected President of the fifty-second session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]

The Main Committees of the General Assembly held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Belarus made a statement.

Mr. Mothusi D.C. Nkgowe (Botswana) was elected Chairman of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Machivenyika Tobias Mapuranga (Zimbabwe) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Oscar de Rojas (Venezuela) was elected Chairman of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Germany made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) was elected Chairman of the Sixth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand and Portugal.

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Third Committee proceeded to the election of the Chairman.

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Alessandro Busacca (Italy) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Togo, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/52/340) to authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to meet until 19 September 1997.

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3rd plenary meeting

Election of a Vice-President of the General Assembly

The President informed the General Assembly that the General Committee for the fifty-second session of the Assembly had not been properly constituted in view of the fact that, contrary to what is provided in rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, two members of the General Committee, namely, the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and one Vice-President of the Assembly, were members of the same delegation.

Consequently the General Assembly proceeded to the election of one Vice-President of the Assembly from the African States.

South Africa was elected Vice-President of the General Assembly.

The following States were therefore elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly: China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Viet Nam.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1st meeting

Note: The summary of the 1st meeting of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/181).

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 1483rd meeting of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (see *Journal* No. 1997/179, p. 10): The second paragraph under *Closure of the 1997 session* should read as follows:

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Argentina.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 18 December 1990

Accession: Cape Verde (16 September 1997)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (and Protocols), concluded at Geneva on 10 October 1980

Accession: Cape Verde (16 September 1997)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Guyana (12 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

A tribute in honour of Mother Teresa will be held *today*, 18 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 3. The meeting is being held by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Pacem In Terris Society. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the media and non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 September 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

Material for insertion in the *Journal* should be addressed to Room S-1138 (extensions 33888, 36771 and 36776) (e.mail address: JOURNAL@UN.ORG)

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